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SUBJECT:STATE/COMMERCE VISIT TO JAMAICA

- 1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARELLANO IS PREPARED TO VISIT KINGSTON FOR FOUR DAYS BEGINNING JULY 25 AS HEAD OF THREE OR FOUR PERSON STATE/COMMERCE TEAM TO EXPLORE INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN JAMAICA, IF THOSE DATES ARE CONVENIENT TO GOJ.
- 2. AS WE SEE VISIT, PURPOSE WOULD BE TO EXAMINE INVESTMENT CODE AND SOLICIT VIEWS OF PRIVATE SECTOR ON CURRENT INVESTMENT SITUATION AND PROSPECTS FOR THE NEAR FUTURE. IN THIS REGARD, MR. ARELLANO WOULD LIKE TO EXPLOIT EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO MEET PRIVATELY WITH U.S. AND THIRD COUNTRY INVESTORS TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF DOING BUSINESS IN JAMAICA AND WAYS THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT COULD BE IMPROVED BY GOJ LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACTIONS. -

- 3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS ON THE FOLLOWING:
- A) TIMING OF THE VISIT;
- B) MEETINGS WITH U.S. AND THIRD COUNTRY INVESTORS;

C) GOJ OFFICIALS TEAM SHOULD MEET WITH; AND

D) SPECIFIC SUBJECTS EMBASSY BELIEVES TEAM SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS.

4. AT END OF KINGSTON VISIT, WEEK-ENDING IN JAMAICA, MR. ARELLANO INTENDS TO VISIT BRIDGETOWN TO DISCUSS WORLD BANK CARIBBEAN INITIATIVE AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS. WE WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS TO POSTS BY SEPTEL. CHRISTOPHER

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